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Inventor: David E. Albrecht  
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FLUID PORT INTERFACES  
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BY *William H. Elberg*DATE *3/23/04*AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116

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Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Amendment in response to the Official Action of  
December 23, 2003. Please amend the above-identified application as  
follows.

Attached are:

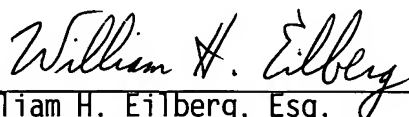
- 1) Amendments to the Claims; and
- 2) Remarks in support of patentability.

No fee is due for this Amendment, as the Amendment only cancels some  
of the pending claims.

Please note that the address of the undersigned has changed. The  
undersigned filed a separate Change of Address document that was received  
by the Office on December 23, 2003. Applicant requests that the Examiner  
verify that further correspondence will be directed to the address shown  
below.

For the reasons given in the attached Remarks, Applicant requests reconsideration by the Examiner, entry of this Amendment, and early favorable action. If the Examiner has questions, Applicant requests that he telephone the undersigned to expedite the prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "William H. Eilberg". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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